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Forestry Employee Receives Forest Technician Award from Society of American Foresters

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 9, 2012) – Forest Ranger Technician Chris Scott recently received the 2012 Forest Technician Award for his contributions to the field of forestry. The Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the Society of American Foresters selected Scott for this honor based on his demonstrated leadership and outstanding achievement in the protection and conservation of forest resources. As a forest ranger technician for the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF), Scott fights forest fires, inspects timber harvest operations and conducts forest fire prevention education programs. He also assists foresters with various stewardship activities including timber stand improvement, reforestation projects and assessing forest health.

Scott, an employee of KDF for more than 10 years, works in the Bluegrass District where he serves six counties including Boone, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Owen. He resides in Owen County with his wife, Karen.

Leah MacSwords, KDF director and state forester, said, "Protecting our forest resources could not be accomplished without the energetic work of field staff like Scott. He is an exemplary employee and citizen."

The [Society of American Foresters](#) (SAF) is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Founded in 1900 by our nation's first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot, SAF is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter has over 300 members and is one of 33 state and multi-state chapters representing the SAF.



Chris Scott, left, receives the 2012 Forest Technician Award from SAF member Rick Horn.

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Editor's Note: The Kentucky Division of Forestry, headquartered in Frankfort, manages nine district offices with forestry staff assigned to every county in Kentucky for the purpose of providing services to the citizens of the Commonwealth. The agency's mission is to protect and enhance Kentucky's forest resources through a public informed of the environmental, social and economic importance of forests.